

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 5, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ATCHISON made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Rusk, William Tyler, and George S. Gains, late Choctaw commissioners, praying the allowance of mileage, report:*

That upon no principle of justice or equity can the claim for mileage, set up by the petitioners, be allowed; the compensation for the commissioners was fixed by law, at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per year; the employment was, no doubt, earnestly sought by the petitioners; the pay or compensation was liberal; there is no power in this government to force employment of a public nature upon any citizen that may accept such employment or not, when tendered; but the patriotism of our citizens is such, that the government is never at a loss for competent persons to take and discharge the duties of all offices and trust. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the petitioners are not entitled to the relief prayed for.

Wm. Atchison,

Office Indian Affairs, July 3, 1848.

That I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing a petition from citizens of Rochester, New York, in favor of releasing the Indians on the Tonawanda reservation of that State, from the obligations of the treaties of 1838 and 1842, with the "Six Nations," or Senecas, so that they may retain possession of that reservation; and you ask, in behalf of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, such information and suggestions as may be useful to it.

This subject has, on several occasions, been presented for the consideration of both the Senate and the Department; and Senate document 256, of the last session of the 31st Congress, contains, it is believed, all the information that is material in relation to it, and exhibits the disposition made of it by the committee at that time. To that document I would, therefore, respectfully refer you, and also to a communication and accompanying documents

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Mr. Atchiser made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of General Bush, William Tyler, and George S. Green, late of Georgia, complaining, praying the allowance of wages, report:

That upon no principle of justice or equity can there be a claim for money set up by the petitioners; the compensation for the commissioners was fixed by law, at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per year; the employment was, no doubt, correctly sought by the petitioners; the pay or compensation was liberal; there is no power in this Government to force employment of a public nature upon any citizen that may accept such employment or not, when tendered; but the patriotism of our citizens is such, that the Government is never at a loss for competent persons to take and discharge the duties of all offices and trust. The committee, therefore, recommend the rejection of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioners are not entitled to the relief prayed for.